

## Pipeline vandals responsible for explosion in Rivers, says NSCDC

• 12 die, four farm plantations destroyed'

**N**IGERIAN Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Rivers State Command, has blamed the activities of pipeline vandals for the explosion which occurred in the state last weekend.

Spokesman Olufemi Ayodele, who made this known

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in a statement in Port Harcourt yesterday, said the incident claimed 12 lives and destroyed four farmland, while others sustained injuries.

The explosion occurred at Obrikom Obiafu 1 and 2, in

Ogba Egbema Ndoni Local Government.

Speaking about the explosion, the state NSCDC Commandant, Basil Igwebueze, said the explosion would not have occurred if the Nigerian Agip Oil Company pipelines were not vandalised by desperate individuals.